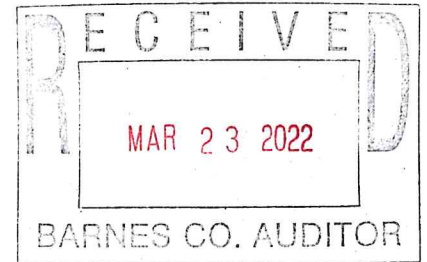


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
February 9th, 2022
USDA Building
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:
Charlene Stenson
Diane Olson
Pete Paulson
Bob Bruns
Shelly Nelson, via phone

Others:
Jason Elston, Tech
Mardy Dahl
Jill Olson, Clerk

The February meeting was called to order by Stenson at 4:10pm at the USDA Building, Valley City, ND. Minutes from the January 12th, 2022 board meeting were reviewed, Stenson declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during January 2022, were reviewed by the Board. Bruns made a motion to accept the January financial statement as presented with Paulson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the email and letter of support for Ducks Unlimited. After discussion, D. Olson made a motion to approve the letter of support for Ducks Unlimited, Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.
2. FYI NDWS is March 9 to the 13. Booth # 42 under the bleachers. Jill and Jason will set up on the 8th.
3. FYI Tree Promotion is March 15-17 in Bismarck at the Radisson. Jill and Jason will be attending.

Office Report: Jill handed out and everyone reviewed Shelby's attached report, see report.

Technician Report: Jason reported that Feb. 15th is the deadline for tree ordering. We have 17 sites planned for this spring with about 70,000 trees. He has ordered the majority of his trees from Big Sioux in South Dakota, then most of the rest from Towner State Nursery and very little with Lincoln Oakes. He had Twin City Garage Door out to fix the shed door. Jason will be advertising for seasonal help once again. He would like to raise the pay to \$14 per hour for workers and \$15 for tractor drivers. Stenson make a motion to support the pay increase, D. Olson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried. Jason has 6 sites lined up for the grass seeder with the tree plantings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual Work Plan, additional modifications to be made. Tabled until next meeting.
2. Long Range Work Plan, tabled until next meeting for more review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Feb. 24th Board meeting invite from Rocky Bateman. Discussion on all emails provided to the board. Questions concerning the whole sale of trees prior to Districts receiving their trees and many cancellations. Questions on why the land sale in Oakes was not communicated to all districts and boards. Diane, Pete and Jill will be attending the meeting on Feb. 24th to voice their concerns. Bruns made a motion that the district employees of Barnes Co SCD have full support and confidence of the Board of Supervisors to represent and speak on their behalf. Stenson second the motion. All in favor aye, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th 4pm, 2022. The next meeting will be at the field office meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved:



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service
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NRCS Activity Report
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

March 8th, 2022

Shelby Larson, District Conservationist (DC)

Barnes County submitted 2 EQIPs. Both were preapproved and will receive funding. Alex, Shawn and I have been finishing them up and will hopefully get signatures by the end of the week.

Alex and I have been working with the two 2020 WRE's that were approved for funding

Shawn has been working with FSA to complete cost share practices for CRP

PPWQWP is going to have another funding round. Currently our office has several(8) different contracts through this funding

Cody has been working on CRP's for the four counties and helping LaMoure with EQIP

Valley City office will be getting a summer intern employee (Pathways Trainee)

NRCS is expecting supervisors to return to physical workplace April 18th and nonsupervisory employees May 2nd

If your Community Level is at Medium or Low Risk, no masks are required for workers regardless of vaccination status